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California couple located safe in Kōke'e

LĪHU'E – The Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) have located a missing California couple in Kōke'e Tuesday morning.

Joseph Lastovic, age 27, of San Diego, California, and Nevin Dizdari, age 26, of California, were located at the Sugi Grove Campground on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 8 a.m.

The couple was last seen on Oct. 9 at 9:30 a.m. They relayed to a friend that they were going hiking in Kōke'e State Park. They later sent a text to a friend on Oct. 9 at 2 p.m., asking for directions to Shipwreck's Beach in Po'ipū. The couple did not return to their hotel room on the North Shore and later missed their scheduled 2:30 p.m. flight to LAX on Oct. 10.

After the couple missed their flight Monday afternoon, the Kaua'i Police Department initiated a search for them on Oct. 10. and have been in contact with their family and friends.

"We thank the public for your assistance, and we are relieved that Joseph and Nevin have been located and are safe," said Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) Capt. Paul Applegate. "Mahalo to our officers and detectives with the Patrol Services Bureau and ISB for their diligent work."

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